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Employers Affected by Severe California Rainstorms Eligible for Extension on Filing Employment Tax Reports

SACRAMENTO – Employers in Lake, Madera, Napa, and Nevada counties who were directly affected by damage resulting from the severe rainstorms, mudslides, and levee breaks beginning March 29, 2006 through today may request up to a 60-day extension of time from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) to file their state payroll reports and deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest.

This extension, applicable only to the first and second quarters of 2006, may be granted under Section 1111.5 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC). State payroll taxes include Unemployment Insurance, Employment Training Tax, State Disability Insurance, and California Personal Income Tax.

Written requests for extension must be received by EDD with a postmark date of July 3, 2006, or earlier, from employers in Lake, Madera, Napa and Nevada counties.

To request an extension, employers must send EDD a letter specifically requesting an extension of time under Section 1111.5 of the CUIC, along with any late payment or report. The letter also must provide detailed information as to why the report or payment could not be submitted in a timely manner.

Employers should mail the letter and tax report or payment to the address specified on their filing form.

Employers in 16 other counties were previously declared eligible for this tax extension. For employers in Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Merced, San Joaquin, San Mateo and Stanislaus counties, written requests for extension must be received by EDD with a postmark date of June 8, 2006, or earlier.

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For employers in Alameda, El Dorado, Kings, Marin, Placer, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Tulare and Tuolumne counties, written requests for extension must be received by EDD with a postmark date of June 12, 2006, or earlier.

If an employer has already been charged a late filing or payment penalty that they believe may qualify for this extension, they should send their written request to:

EDD
P.O. Box 826846, MIC 3A
Sacramento, CA 94246-0001

For further information, employers can visit EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov/eddemerdisaster.htm or call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886.

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